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Overview for DDCI Goals Meeting

3 April 1979

IMPROVING THE RELEVANCE AND QUALITY OF THE PRODUCT

Goal 1: Continue to adapt NFAC and Community production programs for responsiveness to NITs and other expressions of policymaker needs.

Focus on the NITs

Presenter: NIO for Special Studies

Milestones:

1. Coordinate (at PRC(I) level) and implement Community procedure for updating and evaluating NITs (November-December 1978).
2. Complete revision of topics and issue second edition of NITs (January 1979).
3. Revise and reissue NITs again in August 1979.
4. Submit annual assessment at end of first year (August 1979).

Progress to
Date:

Milestone 1 - Procedures were worked out with INR and DIA in November to implement a Community-wide review of the NITs at the end of the first four-month period. The review process, which involved all the NIOs and production managers in NFAC, INR, and DIA, took several forms: (1) the Current topics were evaluated, updated, modified, and expanded as necessary; (2) the Community's analytic production between July and December was catalogued and reviewed against the NITs to gauge its responsiveness and to identify gaps in coverage; (3) the Intelligence Community's experience with the NITs, and with the coordinating process, was evaluated. Principal consumers were canvassed during November and early December, via both the NIOs and consumer agency staffs, to get their ideas on how the current NITs should be updated. Numerous suggestions were received and were incorporated in a proposed revision of the current listing that was circulated to members of the PRC(I) in early December.

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Milestone 2 - The consolidated proposals for updating the topics were presented, along with our general evaluation of the NITs process, to the PRC(I) principals at a meeting on 15 December. They requested more time to consider the proposed changes and to send us additional comments. These were forwarded to the DCI by State and Treasury by early January. Comments from the Secretary of Defense arrived on 19 March. A new draft consolidating the first and second round proposals of all agencies was prepared for circulation to the PRC(I) members, and is currently under DCI review. An early meeting of the PRC(I) is anticipated. Meanwhile, the report on Community production, including summary evaluations of analytic output under each current NIT, was forwarded to the members in early March.

Milestone 3 - (future action)

Milestone 4 - (future action)

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